**From:** Kelley, Craig
**To:** Stuart Gedal
**Subject:** RE: From Stuart Gedal
**Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:24:00 PM

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Thanks, Stuart. I didn't say I hadn't heard of it, I just said I know next to nothing about it.

I suspect some Councilors, and I don't know who, are working on this issue and they can't talk to me without violating the open meeting law.

And it won't be posted on the City's website until the Thursday before whatever meeting people want to discuss it at, so I've got nothing more to do on.

Have a great weekend.

Craig

-----Original Message-----
From: Stuart Gedal [mailto:waterbury59@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov>
Subject: Re: From Stuart Gedal

Hi, Craig-

Thx for your quick response.

If the resolution is being discussed, and you haven't heard about it, that is even more worrying...While I had hoped you could throw some light on this (provide a draft of the resolution? give me the name of the Councilors involved so I could make sure I'm getting accurate info), the fact that you can't may say something more alarming.

If there are Council members thinking of making this "linkage" resolution (the syllogism seems to be something like this: HP does business where there are deportations—HP does business in Israel—therefore, boycott HP and boycott Israel if you are against illegal deportations) and they are only discussing it among themselves in closed, unposted, non-public meetings, the group (and the Council) might be in for an unwanted distraction: The Public Meeting Law.

There is an endless number of attorneys - whatever their beliefs about the Middle East or immigration policy - who'd bring an Open Meeting Law Case against the Council or Council subcommittee, or whomever, at the drop of a hat, once the resolution was officially posted for a vote.

This happened in Somerville when I was a VISTA who worked on issues related to housing. The Board involved was obliged to walk back all its work, and hold public hearings (which were of course quite rancorous), etc. and there was only bitterness to go around.

Let me think more before I write again. If I get something in writing (a proposed draft of a resolution) I will pass it on to you. Hope you would do the same. Have a peaceful weekend. At this very moment, the sun shines on us.

Best,
Stuart

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 12, 2018, at 1:15 PM, Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Stuart:

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> I know next to nothing about this except that I am being bombarded with emails from people who seem to know more and I found a flyer at the Kennedy School last week. I am meeting with pro and con folks next week and the week after to learn more.
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> Not having seen the resolution I cannot say anything with surety except that I will not support an attempt to delegitimize Israel although I would be supportive of something that expresses concerns over some of Israel's policies.
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> I also think this is a lousy way to manipulate local government. If we want to take stances on good and bad in the world, and arguably we should, it only seems fair that we do so via some agreed upon criteria that does not single out specific entities for the sake of political expedience.
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> But like I said, I actually have not seen anything for the Council yet so my opinion is not well informed.
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> Thanks.
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> Craig
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> Any message to and from this email is subject to the public records law. For private communications please use craig@craigkelley.org
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>> On Apr 12, 2018, at 12:46 PM, Stuart Gedal <waterbury59@comcast.net> wrote:
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>> Hello, Craig-
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>> I was very disturbed to hear this morning that some (members of Council?) are seeking to piggy-back a Boycott Israel resolution onto a declaration that is being made in reference to deportation of immigrants.
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>> This information came to me from Stand With Us, a reliable non-profit to which I contribute, that conducts public information campaigns about terrorist attacks in the Middle East. As I'm sure you know, American veterans and other Americans have been killed, others severely wounded, in senseless knifings, car-ramming, and in two cases, snipings just because they were visiting a country, Israel, that is under constant attack.
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>> Whatever one's feelings about some of the sadly violent events in the Middle East, it seems deceptive to me (no different from creating indecipherable omnibus budget bills in Congress) to link the issue of our governments policies on the status of migrants and immigrants with the complexities, propaganda, and at some turns, flat our anti-Jewish racism, that seem to make reconciliation between Israel and some of her neighbors impossible.
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>> There is a movement in the US, called Boycott, Divest, and Sanction. This is a one-sided movement that attacks only Israel and ignores the death of approximately 1,000 Israelis in each of the last two years by personalized terror (stabbings, car rammings, etc.). It ignores the violent repression, cruel and unusual punishment, and one party rule by force of arms in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It ignores, as well, the use of public funds-raised from the UN, the US, and punishing taxes-to reward the parents of terrorist youths by giving them life-long pensions!
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>> When I read the "Boycott: outreach, I'm somewhat amazed at the freedom they have been given to "dance around" the old racist canards that Jews are demonic, in control of global banking, etc. The role of this North American organization, in silent solidarity with a worldwide wave of intimidation and attacks on individual Jewish people sin Western Europe cannot be ignored.
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>> Our local government cannot lend credence to this kind of anti-Jewish racism, now organized under the banner of a secondary boycott of US companies such as HP.
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>> Now that I've vented a bit, can you update me on the status of this resolution which, Stand By Me, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston say, is being discussed with an eye toward bringing it toward the floor of the Council on Monday, 4/23? The process for developing such a resolution should be a transparent one. Our various, deeply-held feelings about how to achieve peace in the complex Middle East should certainly not be

masked by linking this discussion to something we've agreed to many times about the City's role in enforcing federal and state rules regarding immigration.
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>> With Concern and Urgency,
>> Stuart
>> 617-543-6792
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>> Sent from my iPad